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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Laura Michelle Brean
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Docket No.: 150-153

Title: Safety Knife and Pouch For Safety Knife

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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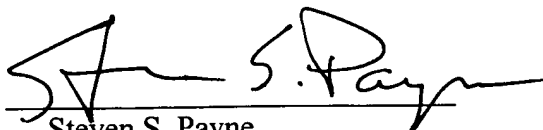
In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2006, applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement dividing the present claims into two groups. It is respectfully submitted that a restriction requirement is not warranted in this application. Claims 1-7 are directed toward a safety knife and claims 8-20 are directed toward a pouch for the safety knife. The two groups of claims concern a common invention combination similar to that of a key and lock and other combination inventions. Specifically, the pouch claimed in claims 8-20 is adapted to be used with the safety knife claimed in claims 1-7. As a result, all of the claims of the present application should be able to be prosecuted together in one application.

While applicant believes that the restriction requirement should be removed, applicant selects group I (claims 1-7) for immediate prosecution if the restriction requirement is maintained.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

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